

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 28 JANUARY 2004

GALSTON PARISH CHURCH

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to request that the Sub-Committee consider an application from Galston Parish Church - Ahrensfelde Partnership for civic hospitality in respect of the visit in October 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** A partnership between Galston Parish Church and Ahrensfelde Church near Berlin was established in November 1988.
- 2.2** The partnership is now well established and exchange visits are arranged every two years.
- 2.3** In March 1991, four members of the Galston Congregation attended the induction of Pastor Bruno Miller in Germany and in 1995, 20 folk from Galston visited Ahrensfelde. Further parties visited in 1998 and 2002 with members of Ahrensfelde visiting Galston in 1996 and 2000.
- 2.4** The group from Ahrensfelde will arrive in Galston on Saturday 9 October 2004 until 14 October 2004. They will stay with local families and various events will be organised during their stay.
- 2.5** The Group have asked the Council to provide civic hospitality at the Dean Castle, Kilmarnock, on Sunday 10 October 2004. They have requested a buffet lunch including wine, followed by a tour of the castle.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** This is the first application from the group for civic hospitality.
- 3.2** The total cost of the event would be approximately £400.00.
- 3.3** The Group has asked that the Council host and fund the occasion and make all the necessary arrangements.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Council protocol for determining Council representation at such events was approved by Council on 27 June 2002 and recommends that, where this Sub-Committee does not determine Council representation, then the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair of the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee and the Provost, will determine Council representation.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from Galston Parish Church for civic hospitality; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

8 January 2004

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from Galston Parish Church.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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